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## IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF FLATHEAD COUNTY, MONTANA

IN RE STANDING ORDERS

STANDING ORDER RE
INDENTIFICATION OF
DEFENDANTS IN COLLECTION
CASES

Whereas, the Flathead County Justice Court is a Justice Court of record; and

Whereas, pursuant to Mont. Code An. § 3-10-118, a Justice of the peace for a Justice Court of record has authority to make and alter rules for the conduct of its business; and

Whereas, Flathead County Justice Court has a significant interest in properly identifying defendants in collection cases.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, in order to properly identify defendants, plaintiffs in all collection suits brought by entities engaging in collection activities, from this date forward, provide this court the defendant's date of birth and the last 4 digits of the defendant's social security number in a separate document. The Court finds that the individual privacy rights of the defendants outweighs the public's right to know and, accordingly, shall keep this information private.

DATED: May 21, 2019.

Eric Hummel

Justice of the Peace, Dept. 1

Paul Sullivan

Justice of the Peace, Dept. 2